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**Request
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<i>Application Number</i>	09/844,655
<i>Filing Date</i>	April 27, 2001
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<i>Art Unit</i>	1641
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Please consider the following amendments and remarks, in response to the final Office action dated November 3, 2003, and in support of the accompanying Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

Amendments to the Specification	None
Amendments to the Claims	Begin on page 2
Amendments to the Drawings	None
Remarks	Begin on page 7